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Mr. John Lani
U. S. EPA, Region 10
Regional Administrator's Office, RA-140
1200 Sixth Avenue
Seattle, WA 98101

Dear Mr. Lani:

In behalf of Skamania County, the Skamania County Board of Commissioners is asking that the Environmental Protection Agency allow the Eastern Washington Council of Governments to work with Teck Cominco to mitigate the perceived metals problem in Lake Roosevelt. We too believe that declaring the area a superfund site would only magnify the economic plight of that region.

We also believe that locally developed and supported solutions for the problem are less expensive and can be more easily sustained for the long term. We believe that this is possible not only because of more community involvement, but also because of the potential for educating a larger segment of the local citizens regarding what needs to be done.

As a county that fronts the Columbia River for about 40 miles, we are confident in the ability of our upstream neighbors to develop solutions that will enhance the quality of water in our area.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Robert Talent
Robert Talent,
Chairman

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